Pedestrian tunnel to open in May

Above: Crews from Hildebrand Concrete Construction Inc., of Washougal, put the finishing touches on the plaza in front of the pedestrian tunnel Monday. The $2.58 million project, built under state Route 14 and over a Corps of Engineers levee, will link Pendleton Way to Steamboat Landing. The grand opening is expected in May.

Left: Six basalt stones, featuring petroglyphs, have been bolted to the tunnel wall. An additional stone, which broke during the installation process, will be replaced. The selection of the images involved artist Rex Ziak, archaeologist Mike Taylor, city staff and several students from Washougal High School. "Our goal was to honor the native people of the Columbia Plateau region," Taylor said.